

# Louisiana Agriculture & Forestry Today

## Odom angry over lack of assistance for La. farmers

Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom is expressing outrage and disgust over the USDA's decision to award Florida agriculture producers \$200 million in disaster assistance following the 2005 hurricane season.

"The single-most devastating series of natural disasters affected the entire Gulf Coast last fall and the USDA singled out one state for assistance – I just don't get it," Odom said. "How do you hand Florida \$200 million and turn your back on Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas? It's a slap in the face to agriculture producers."

Louisiana's combined agriculture losses from both hurricanes Katrina and Rita are expected to total more than \$2 billion.

"I've met with USDA Secretary Mike Johanns three times since the hurricanes and the most we've gotten is some assistance with clearing trees off pastureland. Our farmers and growers need assistance for crop losses and they need it now – before planting season gets here," Odom said.

He also commended the state's Congressional delegation for their help and support of Louisiana agriculture and forestry.

"I know they're as determined as I am to keep Louisiana alive and prosperous. I've said this before and I'm going to keep saying it because it's the truth, what happens in rural Louisiana affects everyone from Washington Parish and Cameron Parish to Orleans and

Caddo parishes all the way up to Washington, D.C. And we've got to make people understand this," Odom explained. "The ports are here; the refineries are here; the crops are here; the workers who keep those places running are here. What happens in Louisiana doesn't stay in Louisiana. Things that happen here will affect everyone in this country and you'd think that lesson had been learned after Katrina."

Other agriculture commissioners are just as miffed as Odom about the monetary assistance Florida farmers are receiving while other Southern states are overlooked.

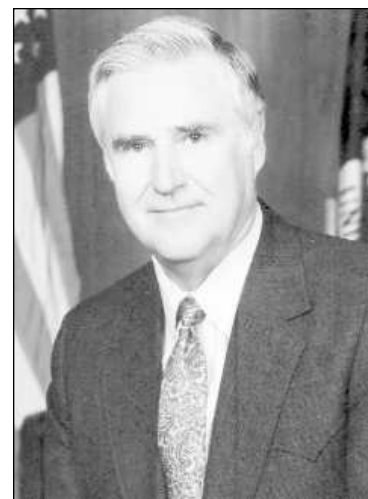
Alabama Agriculture & Industries Commissioner Ron Sparks wondered how much suffering Johanns expects Alabama farm-

ers to take without any relief for damages.

"I have sat and talked with farmers in South Alabama who had tears in their eyes because of the damage they had to their crops and property," said Sparks. "They have tried to work through the proper channels to get help, but there are no funds coming in for them. When Secretary Johanns came to tour the destruction caused by Katrina, we couldn't even get him to come to South Alabama."

This is not the first time Florida farmers have gotten assistance for hurricane-related damages.

In 2004, following a series of hurricanes that hit Florida, the USDA awarded the state nearly \$1 billion in agriculture assistance.



**Bob Odom**  
Commissioner

## Did You Know:

Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom signed a 15-year lease with Natchitoches municipal officials in December paving the way for the construction of a new Pilgrim's Pride 250-acre poultry feed mill.

Odom said the new \$18 million feed plant will replace an obsolete mill in nearby Many.

"The new mill will ensure a sufficient supply of chicken feed for the poultry producers in the greater Natchitoches area," Odom said. "The feed mill will also protect 1,000 jobs at the Natchitoches Pilgrim's Pride poultry processing plant. Everyone is getting what they wanted."

The State Market Commission is providing \$750,000 to lease a site from the City of Natchitoches along the U.S. Pacific Railroad line on the La. Highway 1 spur for 15 years. Pilgrim's Pride will pay the Market Commission \$50,000 annually for use of the land.

Odom signed the lease agreement on behalf of the Louisiana State Market Commission along with Natchitoches Mayor Wayne McCullen. Clifford Butler, vice chairman of Pilgrim's Pride, also signed bond financing documents and facility agreements with the City of Natchitoches regarding the project.

"The message is that we're going to do what it takes to protect Louisiana agriculture," Odom said.

"We are extremely proud to continue to expand our presence in Natchitoches," Butler said. "Without the help of the City of Natchitoches and Mayor Wayne McCullen, the Louisiana

Department of Agriculture & Forestry and Commissioner Bob Odom, and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, this project could have never been started. It has been great working with all these people and all their people behind the scenes who did a fine job in bringing us here today."

The new mill will contain large grain storage facilities to allow purchase of locally-grown grain. Officials estimate 3.5 million bushels of Louisiana-produced corn and soybeans will be bought annually by the mill. The mill will be capable of producing 6,000 tons of poultry feed per week.

Employees from the outmoded Many plant will be able to retain their jobs at the Natchitoches facility.

"Corn and soybean farmers will keep more money in their pocket because they won't have to pay high fuel costs to ship their grain to Jonesville or Baton Rouge," Odom said.

There are more than 900 poultry producers in Louisiana who supply Pilgrim's Pride with chickens, Odom said.

Construction will begin in soon with completion anticipated by spring 2007.

In addition to the new feed mill, Pilgrim's Pride currently has processing plants in Natchitoches and Farmerville and employs more than 2,800 workers with a combined payroll and benefits package of \$75 million.

Poultry is the state's largest livestock industry with a total annual value of more than \$1.5 billion.

## CATTLE

No grade sires listed in the interest of better livestock. All dairy cattle 20 mos. of age, beef cattle 24 mos. of age, or pasturing or post pasturing animals of any age offered for sale, except for immediate slaughter, must have valid 30-day negative brucellosis test certificate. Contact La. Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry, P.O. Box 1951, Baton Rouge, La. 70821-1951.

**REMINDER: Have all of your heifer calves between four and 12 months of age vaccinated against brucellosis. For information contact your local veterinarian, LDAF animal health personnel, your parish Cattlemen's Association or parish Farm Bureau.**

**(30) reg. Angus** bulls, w/Gardiner & N-Bar genetics, 1 1/2-3 yrs., \$1850-\$3000. Paul Dufrene, Cut Off; www.triplesonfarms.com, (985) 637-1189 or (985) 693-3276.

**Commercial Brangus** bull, 15 mos., sire Rumer of Brinks, lbw, REA .51, YW 50.2, out of nice Brangus cow, has been handled in pasture setting on a regular basis, calm & petable, \$1200. B. Payne, Broussard; (337) 654-4754.

**Reg. Brangus** yrkg. bull, sire 2003 grand champ Houston Int. Brangus Show Sankey's Revolution, dam is daughter of NG Hotline, IMF & ribeye trait leader, will add depth & thickness to your calves, moderate frame & good bone, gentle, \$1200. T. Payne, Broussard; (337) 654-4754.

**Reg. Brangus** bull, 14 mos., sire Son of Brinks, calving ease sire & leading IMF trait leader for the breed, dam is daughter of Brinks KO, top 20 trait leader for SC & IMF, superior genetics that will add value to your calves, \$1200. K. Payne, Broussard; (337) 654-4754.

**Reg. Brangus** bull, 10 mos., grandsire FB Norman 501K, grand champ bull La. state 4-H, nice looking bull, deep ribbed, good length of body, good bone, gentle & can pet him, \$1000. A. Payne, Broussard; (337) 654-4754.

**Reg. Brangus** bulls, 11 mos., excel. cond., \$1200/1. Eugene

Dunn, Columbia; (318) 649-5105.

**Reg. red Devon** bulls, 12 mos., polled, gentle, New Zealand bloodline, excel. for cross breeding & grass finished beef, \$1000/1. Bobbie Womack, Greensburg; (225) 222-4581 or (225) 933-9245.

**Reg. Jersey** bull, 5 yrs., out of Pennsylvania stock, very gentle, \$1000; reg. Jersey heifer, 5 mos., gentle, \$600. James Boudreaux, Bell Rose; (225) 473-7635.

**(2) pb. Char.** heifers, polled, vacc., \$800/1. Philip Melancon, Church Point; (337) 873-6232.

**(7) lbw Angus & Brangus** bulls, 18 mos.-4 yrs., \$1100/1-up. Bob Shoalmire, Powhatan; (318) 352-0355.

**Reg. Angus**, 2 yrs., semen checked, good EPDs, \$1800/1-up. Faron Miley, Loranger; (985) 878-2498 or (985) 320-0144.

**Reg. Char. bulls**, 20-24 mos., Duke bloodline, no bad habits, gentle, polled, straight back, semen tested, \$1600/1-up. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

**Reg. blk. Angus** bulls, 8-10 mos., \$700-\$800/1. Clinton Breland, Angie; (985) 848-9213.

**(8) reg. Brangus** bulls, 2 yrs., \$1600/1-up; (20) reg. Brangus bull yrlds., \$1500/1-up; (20) Angus plus bull yrlds., \$1200/1-up; (70) Brangus cows, (2) 6 yrs., \$925/1, del. avail. Ronnie Link, Evergreen; (318) 939-2409.

**Pb Char.** bull, 5 yrs., no bad habits, calves to show, \$1400. George Guillory, Crowley; (337) 783-1467 or (337) 581-5123.

**Pb Gelbvich** bulls, excel. EPDs, blk., 18-20 mos., \$1500/1. Clint Hollis, Doyline; (318) 745-9940.

**(20) Brangus & Braford** heifers, exposed to Angus bulls, \$800/1; (25) crossbred cows, 2-5 yrs., bred to Char. & blk. bulls, \$750/1. Troy Thibodeaux, Church Point; (337) 684-6615.

**Reg. Brangus** bulls, Exacto, Transformer, Cadence bloodlines, 1-4 yrs., gentle, \$1200-\$1800. Robert Coleman, Franklinton; (985) 848-9714.

**Reg. Char.** bulls, top bloodlines, good EPDs, gentle, semen tested, all AI, \$1400/1-up. Hilary Watson,

Montpelier; (225) 777-4558.

**Reg. blk. Angus** bulls, father & son, father is proven, 2 yrs., son is 8 mos., \$2500/both. Ronnie McCain, Amite; (985) 748-4462.

**Reg. blk. Limousin** bulls, (2) polled, 14 & 15 mos., (2) polled, 9 mos., \$1200/1-up, price includes reg. transfer. Michael LeDeux, Rayne; (337) 334-2820.

**Reg. blk. Limousin** bulls, (1) horned, 18 mos., \$1200; (2) polled, 12 mos., \$1200, cows & heifers also avail., reg. transfer included in price. M. LeDeux, Rayne; (337) 334-2820.

**(25) Brangus** heifers, 1000-1100 lbs., exposed to Angus bull May '05, \$1100/1. E. H. Welch, Kentwood; (985) 229-8590.

**Reg. Gelbveih** bull, 5 yrs., \$1200. Donald Richardson, Winnfield; (318) 727-8754 or (318) 471-1627.

**Reg. Angus** bulls, coming 2 yrs.,

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**Reg. pb Char.**, 36 yrs. of Char. breeding, Duke, Tundra, Wallstreet & Cigar E46 bloodlines, bulls 7-19 mos., cert. herd, \$750/1-up. Ivy Guillot, Sr., Marksville; (318) 253-8300 or (318) 305-2003.

**Reg. Beefmaster** bulls, 7-14 mos., top bloodlines, reds, blks. & paints avail., \$1200/1-up. Heather Glatt, Prairieville; (225) 571-3923.

**Char. bulls** & heifers, yrlds., King Grayer, Wyoming Wind bloodlines, polled & gentle, \$850-\$950. Gerard Perron, Opelousas; (337) 942-5272.

**(5) bred reg.** Brangus 2 yrs., (4) reg. Brangus calves, \$13,000/all, will separate. Wade Richey, Carencro; (337) 886-2739.

**Reg. blk.** Angus bulls, 11-15 mos., all have been in 4-H shows, 1 grand champ, \$2500/1-up. Donald delaHoussaye, New Iberia; (337) 364-5934.

**BBU reg.** bulls, ready for heavy service, good bloodline, \$850-\$1250. Gaston Gerald, Greenwell Springs; (225) 654-8816.

**(40) Brangus** heifers, bred 3-6 mos. to lbw Braford bulls, \$1075/1; (30) Brangus heifers, open, \$975/1. John Boudreaux, Abbeville; (337) 893-6743.

**Reg. Simm.** bulls, big rugged, thick butt, high growth, 2 yrs., from easy calving & homozygous bloodlines, AI sired, from breed's leading sires, \$2500/1up. Gene Strother, Amite; (985) 747-0789 or (985) 969-6005.

**Reg. blk.** Simm. yrldg. bulls, large selection, most AI sired, big, growthy, thick muscled, all from HZ black bloodlines, ready for light service, able to breed 20-25 cows, \$1500/1-up. Nell Strother, Amite; (985) 747-0789 or (985) 969-6005.

**Char. bull**, 3 ½ yrs., used on 20 cows, guaranteed sound, \$2000. Paul Laborde, Mansura; (318) 308-1280.

**(40) Char.** heifers, synchronized, a bull was put w/these heifers 11/8/05, \$1200. Max King, Ruston; (318) 548-8302.

**Beefmaster heifer**, 3 mos., not reg., good prospect for 4-H club, bottle & grain fed, \$350. Allen Dugas, Tickfaw; (985) 542-0252.

**Pb blk. Angus** bull, 10 mos., gentle, \$850. Dale Schexnayder, Baton Rouge; (225) 344-3434 or (225) 215-9576.

**Reg. Char.** bulls, ready for service, gentle, big, stout, clean & tested, Big Sky & Budsmydad breeding, cert. herd, \$1500/1-up. W. Lemoine, Marksville; (318) 253-7939.

**Crossbred** calves, \$150. K. Martinez, Donaldsonville; (225) 717-4345.

**Jersey & Holstein** nurse cows, some w/calves, \$750/1-up. Kurt Martinez, Donaldsonville; (225) 717-4345.

**18 mo. Brangus** bull, \$1000. Kurt Martinez, Donaldsonville; (225) 717-4345.

**(2) reg. Beefmaster** bulls, 17 mos., Lasater Ranch breeding, \$1400; E-6 heifers, yrlds., open, dehorned, vaccinated & wormed, \$900 choice. Charles LeDoux, Kaplan; (337) 643-7217.

**(12) blk.** & super baldies, calf-hood vacc., 9-12 mos., reg. sires & dams, \$800/1 or \$750/1 if all taken. Mary Cambre, Robert; (985) 345-3432.

**Crossbred Beefmaster** cow, 3 ½ yrs., bred to red horned Hereford bull, \$1200. Stanford Domingue, Duson; (337) 873-8717.

**(3) reg. Char.** bulls, semen tested, coming 2 yrs. in Feb., \$1500/1. Dillard Stewart, Albany; (225) 567-3848 or (985) 981-1023.

**Pb Hereford** bulls, polled & horned, 9 mos., gentle, straight back line, stocky build, \$600/1. Tammy Tantillo, Albany; (225) 567-7614.

**Reg. polled** Hereford bull, 4 yrs., very gentle, no bad habits, excel. bloodline, Tennessee River Music Inc., \$1000 obo. T. Tantillo, Albany; (225) 567-7614.

**4 yr. gray** Brahman bull, excel. bloodline, \$1500 or trade for other bull. W. A. Lucky, III, Bossier City; (318) 549-0271.

**Reg. Angus** bull, born 1/8/02, Travler & Emulation breeding, AI calf, EPDs -2.5 BW, 41 WW, 24 milk, 76 YW, gentle bull, long, tall, \$2000 firm. Robert Alost, Natchitoches; (318) 472-8972.

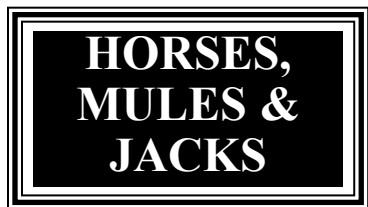
**Reg. Angus** herd dispersal, bulls, 2 yrs., \$1400-1700; heifers, 9 mos.-2 yrs., \$1000; mature cows, \$1000/1-up; prs., \$500. Buck Maurin, Hammond; (985) 345-3726 or (320)-8659.

**Reg. Brahman** bull, 5 yrs., calves to show, gentle, wormed on feed, very nice, \$1800. Pierre Broussard, Maurice; (337) 984-9495.

**Reg. Angus** bulls, AI sired, stout with good disposition, 2 yrs., \$2000; 15 mos., \$1500. Scott Bickham, St. Francisville; (225) 938-3628 or (225) 635-3354.

**Wanted:** black Maine Anjou bull, large, gentle, mature, 3-7 yrs. F. Prescott, Opelousas; (337) 948-2590 or (337) 942-7621.

**Wanted:** (171) head of Brangus cows, bred, (3) Jersey nurse & milk cows, will trade rd. bales of hay. Wayne Ward, Saline; call before 4 p.m. (318) 576-9958.



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**2005 AQHA** bay filly, super nice, gentle, lots of hip, well balanced, weaned & halter broke,

Doc's Tom Cat by King bred on top, Page Boy First by Velvet Oleana by Don War Leon on bottom, \$1000. Lonnie Sonnier, Ville Platte; after 6 p.m. (337) 363-2344.

**AQHA reg.** 6 yr. sorrel mare, 15 hands, granddaughter of Jet Injun & Sport Model Ethan, very responsive to cues, 5 mos. pro. training on cows, \$3000. T. Payne, Broussard; (337) 837-5813.

**AQHA reg.** 14 yr. chestnut geld., 15.2 hands, this is the hunter/jumper/babysitter that you have been looking for, smooth ride w/automatic & effortless lead changes, great for beginner or rider moving up from pony, extremely quiet w/great manners, \$6000. Kylie Payne, Broussard; (337) 837-5813.

**Reg. TW** paint mare, Evel Knevel bloodline, very gentle, excel. gait, rebred to blk./wh. paint, has 8 mo. paint filly, \$2500 both. Jim Broussard, Broussard; (337) 837-1368.

**AQHA broodmares**, young, proven, colts to show, Doc's Tom Cat, King Ranch, Colonel Freckles, Gay Bar King, Doc Tari & Doc Bar on papers, \$1000/1-up. Earl Fontenot, Pine Prairie; (337) 599-3162.

**APHA '05** blk. & wh. colt & filly, blk. overo & blk. AQHA mares, in foal to blk. homozygous tobiano & others, \$850/1-up. J. C. Parker, DeRidder; (337) 463-2237.

**AQHA 16 yr.** pal. mare, granddaughter of Dash for Cash, in foal for '06, barrels, poles & speed events, 16 hands, \$4000; AQHA 3 yr. sorrel mare, Dash for Cash, Impressive bred, started rider, \$2500. Marsha Grow, Houma; (985) 853-2927.

**AQHA reg.** pal. stallion, Doc Bar, Peppy San, Puddenhead, Barpass Myers, King P-2347, top & bottom, \$6000 nego. E. J. Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

**Blk. & wh.** App. stallion, Cooterville Echohawk, Geronimo, Wapiti, Mansfield Comanche, Puddenhead, King P-234 bred, \$5000 nego. Hermina Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

**Reg. AQHA** broodmare, granddaughter of Sonny Dee Bar, in foal, (1) colt, (3) fillies out of same mare, sire is Doc Bar, Puddenhead, Peppy San & Bar Pass Myers bred, also reg. App. mare in foal to same sire, \$1000-\$3500. Earlin Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

**2005 AQHA** weans., beautiful, sweet, all lead, no bad habits, (1) chestnut breeder paint, (1) sorrel filly, (1) pal. stallion, Dash for Cash, Impressive bred, \$1500. M. Grow, Houma; (985) 853-2927.

**4 yr. reg. blue** papered Missouri Fox Trotter geld., trail ready, loads, clips, ties, shoes, crosses water & bridges, great little trail horse, \$2500. Tracy Thrash, Bastrop; <http://home.earthlink.net/~dixland>, (318) 556-2217 or (318) 237-8356.

**4 yr. reg. Missouri** Fox Trotter geld., beautiful dapple gray, ridden on trails, big motor, not for beginners, you finish him out for \$2500 or we finish & the price goes up. Donnie Thrash, Bastrop;

<http://home.earthlink.net/~dixland>, (318) 556-2217 or (318) 237-8356.

**App. horses**, yrlds., broodmares & riding prospects, \$1000/1-up. Ruby or Jimmy Berry, Marion; [www.berryappaloosafarm.com](http://www.berryappaloosafarm.com) or (318) 292-5178.

**Reg. TWs**, mares, stallions, gelds., yrlds. & weans., pal., buckskin, bay roan, red roan, blue roan, gray, sorrel, bay, blk., layaway avail., \$1000/1-up. L. D. Spears, Dry Creek; (337) 328-7365.

**Reg. QH weans.** & coming 2 yrs., pal., buckskin, bay & others, \$800/1. Linda Romero, Patterson (985) 395-9072 or (985) 397-2011.

**(2) mules**, (1) big male & (1) tall female, \$1000/both or will sell apart. Dean Aucoin, Napoleonville; (985) 513-9245 or (985) 513-9246.

**2001 AQHA** show mare, pal., 16 hands, 1200 lbs., shows halter, showmanship & Western pleasure, she has gone on several trail rides, \$4500 obo, will trade for paint of equal value. Christina Miller, Killian; (225) 695-6746.

**1998 blk. QH** geld., kid safe, trail, cattle, heeling, roping, parade, hunter experience, \$1250 obo. Sean Miller, Killian; (225) 695-6746.

**Reg. TW** filly, 8 mo. sorrel, \$1000; reg. TW & racking filly, 2 ½ yrs., just started under saddle, sorrel, \$2500; reg. TW mare, 4 ½ yrs., trail & parade ready, tall, sorrel, \$2800. Darin Burge, Walker; (225) 686-1695 or (225) 335-7780.

**(15) reg. QH** foals, by Zippididoodah, by Zippo Pine Bar, \$1000/1-up; several broodmares, \$2500/1-up. Dennis Crain, Winnsboro; (800) 228-8423 or (318) 435-4280.

**Yrldg. AQHA** red dun colt, born 2/5/05, sire A Fistful of Aces, would make nice show colt, \$3500. Garret Grass, Folsom; (985) 796-3522.

**AQHA 11 yr.** open broodmare, gentle, liver chestnut, foals to show, \$1500. David Grass, Folsom; (985) 796-3522.

**5 yr. mare**, very gentle, great kid's horse, \$700; 6 mo. colt, \$275. Blake Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

**4 yr. bay** geld., ready to ride, gaited, \$5000; reg. 5 yr. wh. mare, ready to ride, gaited, \$5000. Allen Dugas, Tickfaw; (985) 542-0252.

**9 yr. reg. bay** Thoroughbred mare, great broodmare, \$1000. Terri LeBlanc, Harvey; (504) 915-4115 or (504) 915-4829.

**9 yr. blk. tobiano** mare, granddaughter of Joe Chief Bar, experienced rider or great broodmare, \$2500. Dorothy Boudreaux, Marrero; (504) 915-4115.

**Bay yrldg.** filly, warmblood, will make great dressage horse or hunter jumper, \$2000. D. Boudreaux, Marrero; (504) 915-4115.

**Taffy, 20 yr.** pal. geld., looking for new best friend, kid broke, ride in a halter, 14.2 hands, good shape, easy keeper, gets along well with other horses, \$1300. Lesley Passman, Franklinton; (985) 839-6993 or (985) 264-6024.

**1997 AQHA** IF sorrel mare, Conclusive, Two-Eyed Jack & many more point earners in pedigree, 15.2 hands, 1150 lbs., excel.

broodmare prospect, currently used for trail riding, \$2000. Nan Odom, Baton Rouge; (225) 405-2057.

**Reg. Welsh** mare, gray, 4/27/99, due to foal in May, bred to Dixie Chattahoochie, dressage, gentle, section B, \$1500 firm; reg. Welsh filly, 4/28/03, sire Dixie Chatahoochie, dressage, ready to train, gentle, \$1000 firm; reg. Welsh geld., 4/23/04, ready to train, halter broke, section A (small), \$500 firm. Robert Alost, Natchitoches; (318) 472-8972.

**AQHA geld.**, 3/21/97, sorrel, blaze, Impressive, Jet Leo breeding, 16 hands, green broke, \$1000 firm; AQHA mare, 3/19/98, sorrel blaze, Impressive, Jet Leo breeding, gentle, had 2 colts, \$1000 firm. R. Alost, Natchitoches; (318) 472-8972.

**15 yr. pole & barrel** horse, 24 sec. pole, 18 sec. barrel, \$1750. W. A. Lucky, III, Bossier City; (318) 549-0271.

**Reg. App.** '04 sorrel, blaze face, flaxen mane w/2 wh. stockings, filly, Skipper w/Leo Bold Whiz, AQHA both sides, \$1000. Kirk Richard, Lake Charles; (337) 274-1657 or (337) 598-3191.

**2003 AQHA** grandson to Skipa Star, kid safe, \$2000; APHA '86 gray tobiano mare, works cows, kid's horse, \$1200, we also train horses. Angela Hazelton, Dry Prong; (318) 899-1932.

**3 yr. blue**-papered Missouri Fox Trotter, blk. & wh. stud, smooth, fast gait, \$1800. Raymond Gunnells, Lettsworth; (225) 492-2718.

**Reg. AQHA** gray filly, Smart Little Skeezix, Bueno Coffee Bar, \$800. Joe Kimble, Ethel; (225) 683-5873 or (225) 326-9112.

**Reg. TWHBEA** horses, mares & gelds., gentle & ready to ride, good conform. & color, \$1000-\$1500. Jack Johnson, Marksville; (318) 253-8981.

**Training all** breeds, gentle colt starting, ranch using horses, problem horses, training, showing, sales, lessons & overnight boarding. Donnie or Tracy Thrash, Bastrop; <http://home.earthlink.net/~dixland>, (318) 556-2217 or (318) 237-8356.

**Wanted:** 1 or 2 miniature paint jennies. Norman Ordoneaux, Lake Arthur; (337) 774-2641.

## STALLION SERVICE

**AQHA Honor & Cash**, 15.2 hands, chestnut, Dash For Cash, Easy Jet, Texas Dancer, Hijo the Bull, Boston Mac, Leo, \$400/\$5. Beth Humphries, Monroe; (318) 343-0823.

**APHA '94** pal. overo, Air Force One, Painted Robin, 15.2 hands, all normal guarantees, \$500. S. Brooks, Port Allen; (225) 627-6019.

**APHA '03 pal.** overo, Husler's Ole Man, Cutter Bill, Doc Bar, 15 hands, all normal guarantees, \$500. R. Brooks, Port Allen; (225) 627-6019.

**APHA '96 pal.** tobiano, Skipa Go Bugie Black, 15.1 hands, all normal guarantees, \$500. Raymond Brooks, Port Allen;



(225) 627-6019.

**8 yr. grandson** of Puddenhead, bay, star, great disp., \$400/\$4 mare care. Jeannette B. Jackson, Jennings; www.quarter-horse.com or (337) 824-1642.

**1998 golden pal.**, 14.2 hands, wide muscular build, pro trained for cutting, Dry Doc, Doc Bar, Poco Lena, Poco Bueno, Leo Wimpy, \$300/\$3 mare care. Dean Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 328-2198 or (225) 627-9562.

**2001 bay stallion**, 14.2 hands, well built, pro trained, now being shown in cutting, lots of cow, Tanquary Gin, Doc O'Lena, Royal King, Doc Bar, Doc's Sug bloodlines, \$400/\$3 mare care. D. Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 328-2198 or (225) 627-9562.

**AQHA golden pal.**, sire is Horseplayin, own son of Dual Pep, by Peppy San Badger, dam is Peppy's Lady Jewel, own daughter of Peppy's Leo Doc, by Peppy San, very calm, easy to be around, pretty head & straight pretty neck, 1st year standing as stud, \$300/\$5 mare care. Joe Rider, Oberlin; (337) 639-2884.

**AQHA red roan**, own son of Mr. Sun O'Lena, who stands at the 6666 Ranch, which is producing good using horses, dam is a granddaughter of Poco Bueno, has a lot of bone, easy to handle, good head, calm & should throw nice babies, \$350/\$5 mare care. J. Rider, Oberlin; (337) 639-2884.

**Shining Sneakers**, very calm & athletic, AQHA open superior reining, circuit championships, NRHA money earner, son of Shining Spark, \$750, plus mare care. Cheryl Borer, Walker; (225) 667-7415 or www.borerquarterhorses.com.

**2001 dark bay**, dbl. bred, Peppy San Badger on papers, Doc O'Lena, lots of cow blood, gentle, w/great disp., \$250/\$3 mare care. R. Simmons, Independence; (985) 878-3642.

**Bay Paso Fino**, w/blk. stockings, high gaited, preferred Colombian bloodline, \$400/\$10 mare care or sell for \$4200. Mike Clark, Ville Platte; (337) 363-0607.

**Son of Smart Lil Ricochet**, dam has NCHA earnings of over \$38,000, excel. conform. & disp., \$400/\$5. John Swope, Georgetown; (318) 827-5404 or (318) 452-3632.

**AQHA '00 sorrel stallion** Sonitas Last, Doc's Tom Cat, Freckles Cranberry & Run Deck, cow bred w/some speed, \$200/\$3 mare care. Chasity Johnson, St. Landry; (318) 838-2068.

**Peppy Freckles Bar**, golden pal., grandson of Rooster Colonel Freckles, Doc Bar, Leo Maudie, proven color producer, size, bone disp., \$400. D. Breaux, Ville Platte; (337) 599-2299 or (337) 207-2824.

**Wimpy's Mentiroso**, King Ranch breeding at its best, trained reining, working cow horse, shown once, 2 reserve championships, look him up, \$500. C. J. Breaux, Ville Platte; (337) 599-2299 or (337) 207-2824.

**2002 AQHA sorrel stallion**, out of excel. working horse stock, Peppy San Badger, Colonel Freckles, Doc O'Lena & Croton

Oil Bill on papers, very easy to handle & breed, \$350. Corey Zeringue, Cut Off; (985) 665-6137.

**Reg. chestnut & wh. tobiano** homozygous TW stallion, by Battle Colors & Paints Moon Man, 15.3 hands, guaranteed paint, beautiful & great disp., \$300/\$5 mare care. Melissa Briley, Opelousas; (337) 543-8578.

**Reg. 4 yr. blk./wh. tobiano**, homozygous TW stallion, own son of Calvin Klein by Bob's Beaucoup Boy, dam is Cheyenne's Painted Lady, 16 hands, guaranteed paint, beautiful disp. & conform., \$300/\$5 mare care. Jim Briley, Opelousas; (337) 543-8578.

**Reg. AQHA buckskin stallion**, sire is Peppy Freckles Bar, by Freckles Badger Doc, by Doc's Spencer Bar, dam is Ikes Shuqualak Belle, by Lemac Peponita Fox, by Sport Model & Smarty Poco, great disp., \$300/\$5 mare care. C. Darbonne, Opelousas; (337) 543-8578.

**Reg. 5 yr. blk. TW stallion**, sire is I'm Dumas Walker by the Pusher CG (WGC) by Mark of Carbon (WGC), dam is Star's Barbie Doll by Johnny Cash by Midnight Sun (WGC), 15.1 hands, great disp. & conform., \$300/\$5 mare care. Cody Darbonne, Opelousas; (337) 543-8578.

**Reg. blk. mammoth jack**, size, looks, disp. & bloodlines, intro fee for mares, \$150; jennies, \$200. Roy Firmin, Zachary; (225) 654-9566.

**AQHA & IBHA buckskin**, 14.3 hands, Smart Little Lena, Freckles Cowboy & Kings Copy, great disp., nice looking, eligible by the APHA, \$300/\$3. Joe Kimble, Ethel; (225) 683-5873 or (225) 326-9112.

## SHEEP & GOATS

**(10) old-time brush goats**, (5) big nannies, (4) kids, (1) longhorn billy, nannies bred, back for spring kids, \$750/all. R. Rice, Lena; (318) 715-9484.

**Boer goat**, female, 7 mos., \$75. Ricky Deshotel, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4032.

**NDGA mini blue-eyed Nigerian dwarf goats**, make great pets, \$75/1-up. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; http://dachshundfarms.com, cynthiabritton@yahoo.com, (225) 658-9293 or (225) 939-5391.

**Katahdin ram**, 2 yrs., \$75. David Lormand, Lafayette; (337) 984-6541 or (337) 886-9777.

**Pygmy goat**, NPGA reg., light caramel buck, very tame, good around children, throws, small babies, all colors, \$85. Vincent or Megan Losavio, Torbert; www.geocities.com/friscofarms, (225) 625-4439 or (225) 223-2008.

**Boer goats**, (3) 1 yr., reg. fb nannies, \$300/1 or \$750/all. James Dillon, Oakdale; (318) 748-7796.

**(19) Boer % does**, exposed for March & April kidding, \$175-\$250; (2) reg. fb Boer bucks, \$1000/1. Bob Gary, Lake Charles; bgbg@bell-

south.net or (337) 477-0551.

**Reg. 93.75% Boer buck**, born 1/21/02, \$175. J. M. Miller, Sunset; (337) 896-0141 or (337) 662-3679.

**Wanted:** (6) nanny Boer goats, wh. w/red head. Norman Ordoneaux, Lake Arthur; (337) 774-2641.

**Wanted:** (500) brush goats, tame & bred, will trade rd. bales of hay. W. Ward, Saline; call before 4 p.m. (318) 576-9958.

## LIVESTOCK DOGS

**ABCA reg.** border collie pups, born 12/05/05, great bloodlines, parents on premises, will make good working dogs or family pet, \$250/1. Randall Romero, Abbeville; (337) 898-5890 or (337) 278-8630.

**AKC/UKC lab retriever pups**, written health, hip & eye guarantee, parents are proven hunters & have titles, \$600/1-up. Jennifer Young, Zachary; (225) 445-5012.

**Catabones**, Catahoula x redbone, born 12/22, good prospects for hog dogs, treeing or tracking. Kelvin Perron, Port Allen; (225) 648-2992.

**Welsh corgi pups**, AKC reg., tri colors, born 11/24/05, excel. for herding or as pets, wormed & vacc., tails docked & dew claws removed, parents on premises, male, \$450/1; female, \$550/1. Mark Lumetta, Amite; (985) 748-6257.

**AKC miniature dachshund pups**, isabella, blue & other colors. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; http://dachshundfarms.com, cynthiabritton@yahoo.com, (225) 658-9293 or (225) 939-5391.

**½ miniature pincher**, ½ rat terrier pups, \$50/1. Kenneth Racca, Sulphur; (337) 494-8930 or (337) 884-9681.

**Pb border collie pups**, b/w, parents on premises, beautiful & healthy, very alert, \$125/1; very large pups, parents are pb, mom is Rottweiler, dad is pb blue leopard cur, w/dbl. glass eyes, \$125/1. K. Racca, Sulphur; (337) 494-8930 or (337) 884-9681.

**Wanted:** blk. & silver German Shepherd pup, pb, preferably female. Judy Green, Rayville; (318) 728-6966.

## DOMESTIC BIRDS & EQUIPMENT

**Cockatiels, breeder age & hand fed**, grays, peds, cinnamons, lutinos, albinos, white-face, pearls & most combos all seamless banded & certificate included, \$30/1-up. Samantha Ivy, Morgan City; (985) 631-3498.

**Citron cockatoo**, breeder, proven breeder, male, \$700. Faye Taylor, Benton; (318) 965-5770.

**Canaries, females**, \$35/1; males, \$45/1-up. Carlos Ambrogio, Houma; (985) 868-3648.

**DNA sexed breeder Quakers** prs., \$250/pr.; wh.-face cockatiels, 10 mos., \$45/1; parakeets, breeder prs. & young, \$10/1; DNA sexed female, mature Quakers, \$150/1. Aaron Fuselier, Mamou; (337) 457-5667.

**Orange-face lovebirds**, lutinos, olive, cinnamon normals split to lutino, \$20-\$40/1; other fancy color love birds, \$100/4, quantity discount. Dale Landry, Paincourtville; (985) 369-6952.

**Parakeets**, \$10/1; zebra finches, \$6/1; finch nest boxes, \$6/1. Harvey or Brenda Gauthreaux, Napoleonville; (985) 526-8640.

**(2) prs. of young lovebirds**, green w/peach & red, must sell, \$45/pr. Laura Dovalina, Lacombe; (985) 882-2267 or (504) 858-3917.

**Beautiful, normal cockatiels**, \$20/1; lutinos, \$30/1; beautiful lutino lovebirds, \$30/1. Robert Legendre, Gonzales; (225) 644-5923.

**Green nape rainbow lory**, female, about 10 yrs., lost make, produced 5-8 babies per year, \$300 or will trade for male. Linda Brehm, Hebert; (318) 349-0417 or (318) 758-6076.

**Young lutino cockatiel**, \$45; green parakeet, \$5; large bird cage, \$50. Angie Boleyn, Breaux Bridge; (337) 332-6839.

**Doves, white**, \$7/1; tangerine, \$6/1; ringneck & pied, \$5/1. Jim Bearb, Carencro; (337) 896-3475.

**Ringneck dove**, normals & wh., \$7.5-\$10/1; proven mated prs., \$20-\$30/pr. Thomas Rowell, Crowley; (337) 783-5729.

**Wanted:** Cameroon Congo African gray female, at least 5 yrs., needed for our male. Linda Brehm, Hebert; (318) 349-0417 or (318) 758-6076.

## POULTRY, FOWL & EGGS

**Silkie chickens**, approx. (18) hens, (2) roosters, mixed colors, excel. setters, \$120/all; India blue hen, '05 hatch, \$30/1; '05 pied male, \$40/1; '04 pied male, \$125/1. Mark Lumetta, Amite; (985) 748-6257.

**Malaysian serama**, \$25/pr.; jungle fowl, \$5/1; flying mallards, \$8/1; Cornish bantams, \$8/1. Patick Thibodeaux, Church Point; (337) 684-2013.

**Large chest-type incubator**, (3) large trays, no automatic turner, \$150. Aaron Fuselier, Mamou; (337) 457-5667.

**Pharaoh quail**, 35¢-\$2/1; eggs, \$15/100; dressed, \$25/doz.; bob-white quail, \$3/1. C. J. Hoffpauir, Dry Creek; (337) 328-7495.

**Very small BB red bantams**, (2) trios, \$15/1; Canadian female goose, 3 yrs., \$50; brown African male, \$20; wh. Peking ducks, \$8/1. Grover O'Banion, Ponchatoula; (504) 812-0019.

**Turkeys**, (1) pr., \$65; (2) pr., \$60/pr.; (3) pr., \$55/pr.; (4) pr., \$50/pr.; (5) pr., \$45/pr, sold only in

prs. R. Rice, Lena; (318) 715-9484.

**Pharaoh quails**, golden Manchurian & wh., newly hatched to grown, eggs, 15¢/1; live, \$18/doz.; dressed, \$28/doz. Harry Ardoin, Ville Platte; (337) 363-7176 or (337) 360-2896.

**Flying mallards**, \$8/1; guineas, \$8/1; Muscovy ducks, \$8/1. Nell Ardoin, Ville Platte; (337) 363-7176 or (337) 360-2896.

**English call ducks**, some laying, \$15/pr. James Brown, Opelousas; (337) 363-1824.

**Pharaoh quail**, day old chicks, \$40/100; wk. old chicks, \$75/100; live, \$22/doz.; dressed, \$25/doz.; hatching eggs, \$20/100; pickling eggs, \$10/100. Danny Comeaux, Abbeville; (337) 893-4194 or (337) 658-9744.

**Mandarins**, \$50/pr.; wood ducks, \$35/pr.; ring teal, \$50/pr.; silver Bahama pin tails, \$100/pr., single birds avail. Mike Yglesias, Zachary; (225) 262-0954.

**English caller ducks**, small type, Minnesota stock, breeding prs., \$10/pr. Dean Gunter, Lecompte; (318) 776-9235.

**Old English game bantams**, (4) pr. Wheats, (5) pr. BB reds, \$35/pr.; (3) crele, (1) blue, cockerels, \$25/1. Hugh Junca, Franklin; (337) 923-7223.

**3 yr. silver pheasant male**, \$20; yellow-gold, (1) male, (3) females, \$48; red gold male, \$12; doves, wh. pied, \$3/1. Rob or Mary Terrell, Amite; (985) 748-3225.

**Ducks, all kids**, must sell, \$5/1; small bird dbl. breeding cages, good cond., \$20/1. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; http://dachshundfarms.com, cynthiabritton@yahoo.com, (225) 658-9293 or (225) 939-5391.

**Jumbo Pharaoh quails**, live, \$2/1; dressed, \$30/doz.; pickled eggs, \$6/pt.; eggs, \$20/100. Shirley Franks, Lena; (318) 793-8018.

**Wanted:** (1) pb pr. of adult Pilgrim geese. Kenneth Fontenot, Roanoke; (337) 247-2240.

**Wanted:** pb Embden geese, pb pilgrim geese, pb Peking ducks, preferably young adults. Sherilyn Cormier, Ragley; (337) 725-3501 or (337) 802-5854.

**Wanted:** (75) 8 mo. pullets, barred rock, buff Orpingtons, blk. Australorps, Araucana/Americana, Rhode Island reds, (12) male, (24) female, 1 yr. broad-breasted turkey, (10) male, (20) female mallards ducks, (11) male, (22) female African geese 1 yr., (100) male & female 1 yr. purple pearl guineas, (6) male & female, 1 yr. blue pearl peacocks, will trade for '06 rd. bales of hay. Wayne Ward, Saline; call between 8 a.m. & 4 p.m. (318) 576-9958 or (318) 471-9272.

**Wanted:** young male peacock, any color. Sam Jones, DeRidder; (800) 259-0078 or (337) 463-8431.

## PIGEONS

**White homers & saddleback homers**, singles, \$5; pairs, \$12. Daniel Gaspard, Maurice; (337) 334-8780.

**Racing homers**, Birmingham rollers, tumblers, quality birds, beautiful colors, \$5/1 or \$10/prs. D. Johnson, Baton Rouge; (225) 356-6517.

**Pigeons**, lots of colors to pick from, \$3/1. Rodney Sittig, Sr., Eunice; (337) 457-5964.

## SWINE

**Baby potbellied piglets**, \$50/1. K. Racca, Sulphur; (337) 494-8930 or (337) 884-9681.

**Feeder/wean. pigs**, corn fed on concrete, weans to 200 lbs., \$45/1-up. J.B. Richard, Scott; (337) 269-1755.

**Mini potbellied piglets**, \$50/1-up. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; <http://dachshundfarms.com>, [cynthiabritton@yahoo.com](mailto:cynthiabritton@yahoo.com), (225) 658-9293 or (225) 939-5391.

**6 week hogs**, 25-40 lbs., blue butt cross with Hampshire, \$40/1. Matt Parker, Leesville; (337) 535-4968.

## RABBITS & EQUIPMENT

**California & lop rabbits**, \$10-\$20/1. Conrad Mouton, Rayne; (337) 873-4179.

**Wanted:** guinea pigs, hamsters, rats, and rabbits, no NZ or California. Linda Brehm, Hebert; (318) 349-0417 or (318) 758-6076.

## DEER & EXOTICS

**Grant's zebra stallion**, 9 yrs., raised in backyard, proven breeder, \$2500. Mike LaFleur, Ville Platte; (337) 363-1625.

## AQUACULTURE & EQUIPMENT

**(155) Pillow crawfish cages**, \$1/1; diesel pump, \$100. Ray Couvillion, Abbeville; (337) 893-1996 or (337) 523-3228.

**Bass, 60¢/1; bluegill, 25¢/1; red ear, 25¢/1; crappie, 30¢; grass carp, \$10; minnows, \$8/lb.**, brochure avail., del. or pickup. Franck Book, Shreveport; (318) 929-4251.

**Blue catfish, 25¢/1; channel catfish, 20¢/1; coppernose bluegill, 20¢/1; hybrid bluegill, 25¢/1; chinquapin, 25¢/1; blk.crappie, 30¢/1; bass, 50¢/1, del. avail.** David Lowe, Minden; (318) 377-1525.

*Don't criticize a farmer with your mouth full.*

## FARM SERVICES

**Horse boarding**, in West Baton Rouge area, stalls for rent & pasture, full or partial board, lots of riding area, rd. pen, trailer storage. D. Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 328-2198 or (225) 627-9562.

**Hauling, dozer, backhoe, deer plot, land clearing & raking, small bush hogging, small grading, small discing, cutting, raking, baling & hauling of hay.** Wayne Ward, Saline; call before 4 p.m. (318) 471-9276.

**Dog training**, obedience, gun dog & hunt tests. Ben Young, Zachary; [www.y-farms.com](http://www.y-farms.com) or (225) 445-5012.

## RURAL PROPERTIES

Must offer ten (10) or more adjoining acres of land located in Louisiana. Farmland ads MUST include accompaniments (house, barn, hay field, garden, and what the land is best suited for). Proof of ownership may be required. All ads MUST be accompanied by the following owner-signed statement: "This property is personally owned by me and is not offered for sale by a licensed real estate dealer, broker or salesman."

**30 acre farm**, ½ pasture, ½ wooded, all fenced, setup for mobile home & other out buildings, located in Zachary/Pride area, \$150,000 or with mobile home, \$175,000. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; <http://dachshundfarms.com>, [cynthiabritton@yahoo.com](mailto:cynthiabritton@yahoo.com), (225) 658-9293 or (225) 939-5391.

## SEEDS, FLOWERS & ORNAMENTALS

**2005 seed hot Peter pepper**, 50 seeds per packet, \$1/1, w/SASE. Cleveland Guidry, Crowley; (337) 783-2042.

**Blackberries**, Brison & Roseborough, large, sweet, 2-gal., at place, \$6/1. James Robin, Sr., 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

**All kids of trees, bushes, lilies, old-time rose bushes, others in pots, hundreds to choose from, \$1-\$25/1.** Lee Cook, Husser; (985) 748-7043.

**Roma, gulf state, La. pink, Creole & marglobe tomatoes, long, round, oblong, green & La. market blk. eggplants, Birdseye, aconcagua, Peter, multi ornamental & cowhorn, sweet & hot peppers, candlestick, pink trumpet vine, purple hibiscus, \$1.5/pkt., w/SASE.** Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA, 70601; (337) 478-7075.

**Border grass**, lirioppe, green, giant, silver & monkey, \$2/per bucket. Sharkey Chaney,

Gonzales; (225) 673-3884.

**Pine Straw**, machine baled, clean, del. Available, \$4/1. Ronald Gremillion, Zachary; (225) 654-7659.

## TREES & FRUITING VINES

**Fancy red bush cherry**, bundle, \$20/12; wh. peach, \$5/1-up; pomegranate, \$8/1; candlestick, \$5/1-up; China rice plant, \$8/1; rose of Montana vine, \$6/1. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA, 70601; (337) 478-7075.

**Pecans trees, Candy**, Caddo, Elliott, Forkert, Melrose, Oconee, Sumner & Houma, 3-gal., \$12/1-up at place. Bill Young, DeQuincy; (337) 786-8109.

**Fig trees**, 2 yrs., 2-gal., \$9.50/1, 20 varieties, SASE for list, will ship in La. 2nd day delivery. Betty Robin, 4017 Hwy 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

**Elliott pecan**, 5', 6-gal., grafted, \$25/1 at place. James Robin, 4017 Hwy 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

**Fig cuttings**, 20 varieties, 1-10 cuttings, \$3/1; 10+ cuttings, \$2/1, same variety or mix, SASE for list. J. Robin, 4017 Hwy 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

**Yellow & wh. peach**, \$10/1; fancy red bush cherry, \$8/1; Celeste honey dew, green ischia & LSU purple, \$6-\$20/1; candlestick tree, \$10/1; Mamou plant, \$10/1; hanging trumpet datura, \$8/1-up. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA, 70601; (337) 478-7075.

**Pecan trees**, small Elliotts, 3-gal., \$8/1; Sumner, Oconee, others, 3-gal., \$12/1. Huey Graves, Wisner; (318) 724-7543.

**Oleanders**, 6' tall, \$8/1; crape myrtles, 8' tall, \$8.5/1; sawtooth tree, 6' tall, \$10/1. R. Satterley, Melville; (337) 566-3708.

## FERTILIZER

**Free fertilizer**, horse manure, composted for 2-4 mos., great for spring gardens, you load & haul off. H. Stephenson, Erwinville; (225) 627-4348.

## HAY & GRAIN

**Alicia Bermuda**, horse quality, sq. bales, \$4/1; Bahia, \$3.25/1, you load sq. bales. David Fontenot, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4334 or (337) 363-3523.

**2005 Bahia hay**, 5x5 bales, in shed, on pallets, \$40/1. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

**Crab grass**, 5x5 bales, \$22/1;

rice straw, \$12/1. Craig J. Soileau, Sr., Ville Platte; (337) 831-1366.

**4x5 rd. bales**, Bahia in barn, fert. to soil test, cured w/o rain, will load, \$35/1. Danne Schleismann, Husser; (985) 748-7663.

**4x5 bales**, in barn, clean, tight bales, \$25/1, (5) or more bales at a time. Carew Harris, Denham Springs; (225) 665-8655.

**2005 horse hay**, fert., limed, weed free, Pensacola Bahia sq. bales, in barn, short cut, \$3.5-\$4; 4x5 rd. bales Bahia, in barn, \$25-\$33. Nelson Doolittle, Loranger; (985) 878-6111.

**Taking orders** for sq. & rd. bales or '06, \$2.5/square; \$20/round. Chad Lasseigne, Port Allen; (225) 413-9138.

**High quality 4x4 rd. bales** of Bahia grass hay, cured w/o rain & kept in barn, \$20/1. Sonny Ridgell, Tickfaw; (985) 345-1128.

**2005 Bahia rd. bales**, 5x6, fert., cured w/o rain, \$30/1-\$35/1, top price is covered hay. James Casanova, Amite; (985) 517-0334 or (985) 748-7363.

**2005 hay**, more than 500 4x5 rd. bales, located in St. Francisville, \$20/1. Daren Vicellio, Zachary; (225) 937-7659.

**Taking orders** for '06, Alicia/Bahia/Coastal/Tifton 44/Johnsongrass, all mixed hay, 4x5 rd. bales, del. avail., \$22.25/1. Wayne Ward, Saline; call before 4 p.m. (318) 471-9273.

**Wanted:** Tifton 85 hybrid Bermuda grass sprigs or green cuttings for spring or summer planting. F. Prescott, Opelousas; (337) 948-2590 or (337) 942-7621.

## TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT

**Komatsu D20A dozer**, 6-way blade, low hrs., excel. cond., \$12,500; MF w/loader, 1200 hrs., 51 PTO hp, \$8900. D. Barrere, Moreauville; (318) 997-2581.

**Int. 484 diesel trac.**, w/loader, 42 PTO hp, 8 spds., \$7900; Mitsubishi dozer, 8', 6-way blade, new rubber tracks, low hrs., excel., \$11,900. J. Guillot, Hessmer; (318) 563-4776.

**12' chisel plow**, 3 pt. hitch, \$300; 4-row IH planter, \$300. R. T. Faulk, Monroe; (318) 340-0680.

**5 hp Troy-Bilt tiller**, good shape, \$250. Aaron Fuselier, Mamou; (337) 457-5667.

**M8200 Kubota trac.**, w/front-end loader, 2 yrs., 4 wd, 500 hrs., excel. cond., \$26,000. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

**617 NH cutter**, like new, \$4200; 678 NH baler, 5x5, like new, hardly used, less than 1000 bales. L. Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

**Pallet fork**, fits Allied loader, \$300; hay fork, Woods BS 3000, fits Woods 1020 loader, \$350; Cub Cadet 1282, new cond.,

\$900. Lynwood Wiley, Ferriday; (318) 757-2245.

**Farmall 100** high clearance trac., new tires & water pump, 12 volt, runs great, w/tools, \$1800. Wayne Brignac, Gonzales; (225) 673-6359.

**Red Farmall** Cub trac., plows & discs, all in good shape, \$3000. Lloyd Foshee, Robeline; (318) 472-6771.

**Holland bale root planter**, w/water barrel & rack for extra plants, \$450. John Savoy, St. Amant; (225) 675-8737.

**Kuhn GMD 66 cutter**, needs one bearing, new disc & stone guard, good cond., used until end of '05, \$500. Mike Savoie, Cut Off; (985) 632-6192.

**Front-end loader**, easy-on loader, 8' bucket, good cond., used very little, model 2135, \$4000. Anthony Bourgeois, Church Point; no collect calls, 7 a.m.-5 p.m., (337) 684-5403.

**12-blade drag-type disc**, fair cond., adjustable pitch, \$175. Grover O'Banion, Ponchatoula; (504) 812-0019.

**Ford trac.** Workmaster off-set, needs some work, \$1800. Cliff Starks, Slaughter; (225) 683-6696.

**Ford 134 cu./inch gas block**, \$695; reworked head, \$625; radiator, \$125; 4 spd. trans., 600 model, \$750; used 500 hyd. pump, \$295. James Degeyter, Arnaudville; (337) 754-7682.

**Self contained spray rig** on wheels, 500-gal. retractable hose reel, can be fitted w/cluster nozzle or booms, \$2800. Duncan Crain, Singer; (337) 786-4110.

**Ford 5000 trac.**, diesel, excel. cond., 67 PTO hp, \$9500. Joe Richard, Jr., Opelousas; (337) 692-4966.

**Large V ditch maker**, \$500. Glen Leger, Opelousas; (337) 543-4303 or (337) 945-5158.

**Hammer mill**, 6" belt driven, gear box & storage bin on skid, \$650; 3 pt. hitch corn crusher, V belt driven, gear box & sacker, \$550. Roger Amedee, Jr., St. Amant; (225) 675-5739.

**1975 880 Case excavator**, w/thumb, \$13,500; 6000 lb. Clark fork lift, Perkins diesel engine, \$3200; 7' Side Winder tire-driven, pasture clipper, tag-a-long, model, \$61,000. Robert Gravois, Thibodaux; (985) 633-9242.

**MM 55 hp trac.**, front-end loader, 3 pt. & PTO, \$9000; MM 45 hp trac., 3 pt. & PTO, \$7500, both ready for work. M. Nunez, Baton Rouge; (225) 892-5938.

**Yanmar 1510 trac.** loader, reconditioned, 14 hrs., new paint, like new, \$6500. Ken Brouillette, Pineville; (318) 641-1021 or (318) 729-5106.

**(5) roller bins**, \$25/1; 6-ton come-a-long, \$150; 4 cyl. Kubota engine, V1902, as is, \$175. Carol Fontenot, Ville Platte; (337) 363-6482.

**4020 JD trac.**, front-end loader, bucket, hay fork, pallet fork, spray rig, blade, \$10,500; Ford 3600, w/5' bush hog, \$4000. Keno Patton, New Iberia; (337) 364-7948.

**Trac. blk. & head**, fits A or

Super A Int. trac., both, \$50. James Reed, Iota; (337) 779-2473.

**JD 4430**, 150 hp, dual wheels, runs well, no cab 540 or 1000 rpm PTO, \$7000 obo. Louis Bernard, Abbeville; (337) 893-0100.

**JD 2150**, \$6500; Ford 4000, \$5500; Ford 2000, \$3500; Kubota, 18 hp, \$2700, 16' goose-neck type trailer, \$900. Joe Major, Church Point; (337) 684-6474 or (337) 945-6960.

**Class cutter**, w/conditioner, 2000, 260C disc, new, \$10,000, selling for \$5000. C. M. Duplechian, Jennings; (337) 824-2989.

**Case stationary engine**, 50 hp, LPG, 540 PTO, \$1500. John Boudreaux, Abbeville; (337) 893-6743.

**Lely 9'10"** hay cutter, 4 yrs., \$3600. Craig J. Soileau, Sr., Ville Platte; (337) 831-1366.

**W&A 8-row** hippy, w/Orthman row markers, \$2600; Taylorway, 8-row cult., w/fenders, \$1500; Bridger planter 8-row w/row markers, \$1200. Bobby Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

**Case IH JX95**, 2004, 635 hrs., 80 hp, 4 wd, 6' loader, \$33,500; JD 5220, 994 hrs., 6' loader, 4 wd, sync. shuttle, \$23,500; 1110 Ford trac., 4 wd, 20 hp, \$2500. Roudley Leblanc, Lafayette; (337) 837-6188.

**Red Cub**, w/pan plow, \$800; (2) Woods belly mowers, \$500/1; (1) Int. belly mower, \$300. Skeet Cooper, Jena; (318) 992-2206.

**Yellow & wh. Cub**, w/plow tools or belly mower, \$1800; 4' bush hog, \$250; cultivators for 140 Int., \$300, extra Cub parts & plow tools avail. J. Cooper, Jena; (318) 992-2206.

**1-row riding digger**, \$4000; 2-row potato planter, \$500 nego. Daniel Laborde, Mansura; (318) 964-2902.

**New Jima** 28 hp, 4x4, w/new front-end loader, w/top, \$9,000. Dustin Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240.

**(2) 29x12.00-15** on universal rims for front, \$200. Alice Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240.

**JD 4640 '82** model, power shift, 165 hp, Koyler loader, 1000 PTO, cold air, duals, \$19,500; JD 4440, quad range, 130 hp, JD loader, dual PTO, cold air, \$19,500. W. A. Lucky, III, Bossier City; (318) 549-0271.

**Pasture dream** planter, \$3000; mold poison killer, \$1350; Bermuda King sprig harvester, \$4650; Stephens air compressor watermelon planter, \$3675; 6-row cult., \$1375; Ford 5000, \$77,274; 1210 David Brown, \$38,637; 5610S NH, \$38,637; Ford 4000, \$38,637; 441 Log Hog, \$38,637; Ford TW-10, \$46,485. W. Ward, Saline; call before 4 p. m. (318) 471-9274.

**44" cut**, \$2339; Lowe's 44" cut riding mower, \$2339; special tiller, \$4678; Vermeer 554XL baler, \$20,601; 8-wheel Sitrex hay rake, \$2828.5; 7'2" Marangon MD 245 hay mower, \$7951.5; Ford 241, 24' disc, \$27,141; 18' Bush Hog disc

w/drag, \$24,961; 16' bush hog, \$11,381.5; 6' bush hog, \$2661.5; 5' disc, \$2065; 6' grading blade, \$9683. Wayne Ward, Saline; call before 4 p. m. (318) 471-9274.

**Super Dexter** with new cylinder head, pistons, sleeves, starter, alternator, seat, rebuilt radiator, injection pump, injectors, this is a 3 cyl. Perkins engine, \$6000, no reasonable offer refused. Harold Yantis, Zachary; (225) 654-4220.

**Large milling machine** & one small lathe both, \$500; hit & miss IHC gas engine, \$600; concrete mixer w/a Stover hit & miss engine, \$2500. H. Yantis, Zachary; (225) 654-4220.

**(3) MF12 sq. balers**, for parts, \$1000. Chuck Melsheimer, Dry Creek; (337) 666-2892.

**Wanted:** Case 450 dozers, any shape, whole or in parts. P. R. Krantz, Krotz Springs; (337) 592-0170.

**Wanted:** Marvel Schebler carburetor model number TSX810 for 2010 JD trac. L. J. Pecot, Greensburg; (225) 222-6971 or (318) 395-1888.

**Wanted:** Farmall A, super A 130 or 140, w/tools, repairable cond. S. W. Gourdon, Goldonna; (318) 357-0616.

**Wanted:** used loader, w/remotes & hoses for 656 Farmall. Steve Mizell, Franklinton; (985) 839-3104.

**Wanted:** trac. towed & PTO driven, 1-row corn breaker machine, throws whole ear of corn in wagon, reasonable shape & field ready, grinder-mixer also of interest, reasonable shape. Chad LeJeune, Church Point; (337) 684-2135 or (337) 962-7209.

**Wanted:** cultivators, to fit Farmall "A" trac., front & rear. Billy Hales, Winnsboro; (318) 435-4313.

**Wanted:** front wheel spindle for Int. 254 trac. Edmund Lesage, Sr., Greenwell Springs; (225) 261-4983.

**Wanted:** 1-row corn picker, pull behind style, working cond., reasonably priced. John Savoy, St. Amant; (225) 675-8737.

**Wanted:** HV, MV, running or not, Oliver, white, high crop, running or not. J. Savoy, St. Amant; (225) 675-8737.

**Wanted:** good engine for red Cub trac, not frozen up & 12 hp riding mower motor. James Howell, Carencro; (318) 352-2075.



**1997 F-250 H.D.** 5.8l (351 cu. in.), new stereo CD, weather guard, saddle box, solid & strong truck, \$5350 cash. James Campbell, Ethel; (225) 683-5920.

**1985 tandem** Peterbuilt dump truck, \$17,500; '58 Chevy truck, 2 ton flat bed dump, needs work,

\$900. Robert Gravois, Thibodaux; (985) 633-9242.

**1984 Mack R-600**, very good shape, 9-speed; 1978 Hobbs 40 ft. float w/new brakes & board floor, \$17,000/both. Thomas Billeaud, Maurice; (337) 319-1814.

**John Deer**, 6x4 gator, great condition, \$3500. Andre Prejean, Arnaudville; prejeana@bell-south.net or (337) 962-0127.

**1978 Ford F250**, 1-ton truck, cab & chassis, \$800. Dwayne LeJeune, Iota; (337) 789-1256.

**¾ ton**, 1998 Dodge, 4 door, long bed, PW, PL, STD 5-speed, 168,000 miles, excel. cond., Tomeau cover, bw/gray, \$10,000 obo. Pat Burmaster, Folsom; (985) 796-5123.

**2001 GMC 2500** heavy-duty, ready to haul, runs & pulls good, \$38,314. Wayne Ward, Saline; call before & 4 p.m. (318) 471-9274.

**Wanted:** Suzuki Samurai, running or not. Billy Hales, Winnsboro; (318) 435-4313.



**(2) 10' wide**, 40' long cotton trailers, \$1050/1; (3) 8' wide, 36'-40' long cotton trailers, \$950/1. R. T. Faulk, Monroe; (318) 340-0680.

**26'x7'10" gooseneck** equipment trailer, 7000 axles, lift assist tailgate, used as lawn service trailer, \$4500. Duncan Crain, Singer; (337) 786-4110.

**(2) 38' Trailmobile** grain trailers, both good cond., 3500/2800/Case, 2390 good cond. w/ saddle chem. Tanks, 200 gal. Fiber glass duals, 20.83885%, rubber cab & air, \$6200. Charles R. Jarreau, Lakeland; (225) 405-6965 or (225) 978-3949.

**20' Bumper** pull low boy, 6'10" wide, 6000 lb. Axles, elec. Brakes, loading ramps like new, \$2800. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

**2005 Ponderosa**, 10 ft. bumper trailer, 2 horse, 10x6x6.5, saddle storage, 3500# axle, \$3288. Celia Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

**4'x6' sleeper**, opens from rear, fiber glass, \$200. Ross J. Mule, Franklinton; (985) 839-4595.

**(35) cotton trailers**, 8'-10' wide, 24'-40' long w/ 3 and 4 axles in good to excel. cond. For hay trailers or storing crawfish traps, del. Available, \$750-\$1650/1. T.L. Enright, Sr., Sicily Island; (318) 389-5395.

**2000 Featherlite**, 3-horse, 8' short wall w/ awning, ac/heat, custom cabinets, sink, shower,

toilet, 5 ft. couch folds out to bed, 2 ft. storage w/ racks where escape door had been, very nice, \$24,000. Tony Thomas, Lake Charles; (337) 540-5232 or (337) 598-3478.

**16' gooseneck** cattle trailer, \$1600. B. Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

**2-horse** steel trailer, completely closed in, saddle compartment, thoroughbred height, \$3000. Gerald Landry, Jeanerette; (337) 519-1887.

**Wagon w/5'x12'** bed of 5/4" treated pine, secured w/wood screws, bed used once, kept in shed, heavy metal frame, 15" tires, \$275. Ed Dugas, Carencro; ead9743@louisiana.edu or (337) 896-4335.

**Wanted:** pick-up truck bed trailer, good condition, cheap. Leonard Mayne or Keith, Amite; (985) 320-6048.



**Butcher boy** heavy-duty meat saw & large grinder, \$1500/both. Glen Leger, Opelousas; (337) 945-5158 or (337) 543-4303.

**Large quantity** used bridge lumber, good cond., \$2/running ft. nego. Lloyd Foshee, Robeline; (318) 472-6771.

**Classic III D** welder, diesel, \$5000. Craig J. Soileau, Sr., Ville Platte; (337) 831-1366.

**16" saddle**, like new, used only 5 times, basket weave, paid \$1000, asking \$700. Raven Morvant, Raceland; (985) 856-6618.

**Okra cutters**, hand operated, \$130/1; larger model, \$160/1. Franklin Courville, Opelousas; (337) 407-0188.

**2 7/8" drill pipe**, 90¢/ft. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

**Manure spreader**, 25 bu., 18 cu./ft., new, used one time, \$1900. Allen Dugas, Tickfaw; (985) 542-0252.

**30-gal. Pyranha** barn sprayer system, \$475. Gerald Landry, Jeanerette; (337) 519-1887.

**Pasture gates**, 10', \$61; 12', \$70; 14', \$77; 16', \$85; 40' rd. pen, \$665. Mike Passman, Amite; (985) 748-5094.

**Cattle feeders**, built on skids, with metal tops & galvanized nails, 4x4, \$175; 4x6, \$200; 4x8, \$225. S. W. Gourdon, Goldonna; (318) 357-0616. scribgourdon@aol.com

**2 3/8" tubing**, 70¢/ft.; 2 7/8" tubing, 85¢/ft.; 3" pipe, \$1.25/ft.; 4" pipe, \$1.5/ft. Adrian Landry, Pierre Part; (985) 252-9618.

**Used steel pipe**, LT wall, 4", \$2/ft.; 6", \$3/ft.; 8", \$4/ft.; 10", \$5/ft.; 12", \$7/ft.; 16", \$10/ft.; 20", \$12/ft.; 24", \$15/ft. Joey or Chris, Port Allen; (800) 340-9428.

**JD Trail Gator**, 6x4 canopy, windshield, 3500 lb. winch, \$2500. Duncan Crain, Singer; (337) 786-4110.

**Galv. corral panels**, del. avail., 5'x10', \$45/1 or \$1050/25; 5'x12' heavy-duty, \$65/1 or \$1550/25; 6'x12' extra heavy-duty, \$75/1 or \$1800/25; 100'x200' arena w/10' gate, \$2650. Billy Barlow, Pride; (225) 603-5610.

**Galv. rd. pens**, 5' tall, all include 4' bow gate, del. avail, 50', \$750; 60', \$850; 50'x6' tall, extra heavy duty, w/6' gate, \$985. Carl Barlow, Pride; (225) 603-5610.

**(2) 16" saddles**, like new, \$350. Blake Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

**Shallow water** well pump, motor & tank, 110 volts, brand new from WW Grainger, \$200. Keith Matte, Branch; (337) 296-6798 or (337) 334-9272.

**2 3/8" tubing**, 85¢/ft.; 2 7/8", 95¢/ft. Gene Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

**600 acres** of pine & hardwood timber, cut over 5 yrs. ago, ready to clear cut everything now. Wayne Ward, Saline; call before 4 p.m. (318) 576-9958 or (318) 471-9272.

**(5) large crates**, used on farm, \$25/1. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; http://dachshundfarms.com, cynthiabritton@yahoo.com, (225) 658-9293 or (225) 939-5391.

**Freezer calf**, chemical & additive free, taking orders for quarter, half or whole calf. J. Prejean, Lafayette; (337) 873-6643.

**Wanted:** large oxen yoke, dbl., minimum 5' wide, good cond. Carl Rieger, Husser; (985) 748-9779.

**Wanted:** free organic fertilizer, 50+ acres, within 15 mile radius of Zachary. Todd Magone, Slaughter; (225) 654-4711.

**Wanted:** small or medium size semen tank, in good cond. Earl Lemoine, Marksville; (318) 253-8639.

**Wanted:** 200-250 metal "T" posts, 6' or 6 ½' long. G. W. Haynes, Shongaloo; (318) 846-2622.

**Wanted:** used plastic Super-lix or any king of feed tubs, any amount, in Hammond-Amite area, will pay \$2/1 or used 25-gal. nursery pots. Lee Cook, Husser; (985) 748-7043.

**Wanted:** 1000 or better, new or used, steel fence posts at \$1/1; new or good used net wire, 32"-42". T. J. Kreamer, Houma; (985) 873-9765.

**Wanted:** 12'-16' heavy-duty, thick gauge cattle panels, bull gates & farm gates also 15" tires, 8 or 10 ply, to fit on hay trailer. Joseph Prescott, Opelousas; (337) 948-2590.

**Wanted:** old gristmill or old millstones, any size. Richard Eaves, Demopolis, AL; raleaves@email.com or (334) 289-8906.

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## FROM THE FARM

**Handmade quilts**, baby to king, \$40/1-up; kings, \$200/1; crocheted afghans, \$60/1; quilt tops, ready for quilting, \$25/1-up. Mary

Fontenot, Ville Platte; (337) 363-7428.

**Custom log** sawing, soft wood, 25¢/board ft.; hard wood, 35¢/board ft. Cliff Starks, Slaughter; (225) 683-6696.

**Goat milk** soap, natural & skin friendly, no petroleum or artificial ingredients, various scents, great gifts, \$4/1. Melanie Blackmer, Lake Charles; [enp913, pdavenp913@aol.com or \(337\) 478-2208.](http://www.hometown.aol.com/pdav-</a></p>
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**30-gal. iron** wash pot, \$50; crosscut saws, w/or w/o handles, \$5-\$50; cotton & pea scales, \$35/1; (8) iron bedsteads, \$20-\$50; (2) well pulleys, \$25/1; iron baby bed, \$150. Lacey Knight, Lena; (318) 793-2384.

**Seasoned cherry** lumber, rough cut, 1x6, 1x12, 1x8, 2x6, 2x8, all 12', approx. 40 boards, \$3/per ft.

Wayne Longino, Coushatta; (318) 932-6428.

**Gourd, purple** Martin houses, painted, ready to hang, \$5; unpainted, ready to hang, \$4, you pay shipping or pickup at place. C. M. Overly, Oak Grove; (318) 428-9452.

**Wanted:** old sugar or syrup kettles, any size. Steven, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-8739 or (225) 938-9366.

## FAIRS & FESTIVALS

**Bird fair** will be held Feb 18 & 19, Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sun. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Fraternal Order of Police Hall, 10777 Greenwell Springs Road, Baton Rouge. For more info contact 225-926-5547.

# Master Gardeners helping New Orleans City Park

Nearly five months after Hurricane Katrina, the flowers are beginning to bloom again in New Orleans City Park, thanks to some LSU AgCenter Master Gardeners.

As soon as the ground became dry enough, LSU AgCenter horticulture agent Karen Blackburn of Orleans Parish started rounding up the troops – specially training LSU AgCenter volunteers – to see what could be done to bring the botanical garden back to life.

"We started to pull out dead plants and set in new plants as soon as it was possible to get into the park," Blackburn said, adding, "One thing that slowed us down a little was that we had to wait for the soil to dry out."

Early on, there was concern about damage that potentially had been done to the gigantic live oaks in the park, but Blackburn says it appears that other than being battered and tattered, many of them will survive.

"Magnolia trees seem to have been the hardest hit at this time, but we are asking homeowners to take a wait-and-see approach, because none of us has ever experienced anything like this before," she said.

The Master Gardeners in the area have been volunteering their time in an effort to set out new plants and to help in the overall cleanup of the park.

Karen Hall, an Orleans Parish Master Gardener, said they try to have a few members come to work in the park at least once a week.

"Some of our hard work will be on display for the next few weeks as the annual Celebration in the Oaks tour gets under way," Hall said.

The celebration runs Dec. 9-30 from 5:30 p.m.-10 p.m. each evening, and the botanical gardens are its centerpiece this year. The annual event ordinarily involves a variety of holiday exhibits, including those at the botanical gardens, and a drive-through tour of the park for people to view the oaks draped in holiday lights, but the driving tour has been sus-

pending this year because of storm damage.

Hall, who has been a Master Gardener for almost two years, said she joined the group because she likes working in the dirt. Then she jokingly corrected herself, saying, "I forgot, I'm supposed to say soil."

Blackburn said there is lots of work to be done at the park and lots of donations of plants have been coming in.

"One of the plants that is doing really well since the storm is the Japanese Yew, which is an evergreen tree," Blackburn said.

She explained that the work provided by the Master Gardeners has been invaluable. In normal times, members of the group volunteer their time on various projects. But since the storm, they have really come through in a major way, Blackburn said.

The Louisiana Master Gardener is part of a larger, national program that began in Washington state in the 1970s. The Master Gardeners are an all-volunteer group coordinated by land-grant colleges and universities in each state. The parent organization in Louisiana is the LSU AgCenter.

Louisiana now has more than 1,500 active Master Gardeners who have completed at least 40 hours of intensive, practical horticultural training provided by the LSU AgCenter and who, in exchange, have committed to donating at least 40 hours of service to their communities.

The program started in Baton Rouge in 1994. In 1997, it was expanded to other areas of the state and is now offered in 19 parishes – although participating volunteers come from a much wider area of 42 parishes, according to Bob Souvestre, coordinator of the Master Gardener program for the LSU AgCenter.

For more information on the Master Gardener program or a variety of topics related to lawns and gardens, food and health, family and home and much more, contact your parish LSU AgCenter Extension office or visit [www.lsuagcenter.com](http://www.lsuagcenter.com).

**Louisiana Master Gardeners Karen Hall, at left, and Mary Biundo, at right, recently worked with LSU AgCenter horticulture agent Karen Blackburn of Orleans Parish, center, at New Orleans' City Park. Blackburn said she and the Master Gardeners, who are specially trained volunteers who work with the LSU AgCenter on such projects, have been helping to restore the park's botanical gardens since early October.**



# Christmas merrier for La. tree grower

Christmas 2005 was different for Louisiana residents caught in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. On August 29, 2005, houses, jobs and people were washed away. In the aftermath of the storm, businesses relocated to higher ground or simply closed. Life had changed irrevocably for southeastern Louisiana and coastal Mississippi.

Many no doubt spent a lonely Christmas morning grieving the passing of a family member lost in the terrible storm. The worst was expected this Christmas.

Clarke Gernon of Shady Pond Tree Farm of Pearl River was cautiously optimistic as he entered his 27th Christmas tree selling season.

"This Christmas will be very, very important. It's that unchangeable thing that you can rely on," Gernon said. "In times like this, human tradition becomes an anchor for all of us. You may not be able to rely on electricity, but you can rely on tradition."

Despite damage to every marketable Christmas tree on his northshore farm, Gernon vowed to "do my best to make sure that my customers have Christmas."

Volunteers from the North Carolina Christmas tree industry came down from the Appalachians to help in the arduous task of straightening bent and broken trees.

By late November all of Gernon's trees were priced and ready to go, with the exception of

the coveted Carolina Sapphires.

"We couldn't straighten the Carolinas," Gernon said. "Once they were tilted they quickly grabbed hold and rooted."

In the end it turned out to be no problem for Gernon and his customers.

"I just told people to tilt their heads," he quipped.

But after it was all said and done, Gernon actually showed a two percent increase in sales and trees sold over last year.

For some the tradition was too strong to not have Christmas, Gernon said.

"One customer from Waveland, Mississippi, came to pick her tree. She doesn't have a house. She doesn't have anything. All she has is a concrete slab," Gernon related. "She bought the tree and put it on her slab where her living room used to be."

"If that's not a commitment to tradition, I don't know what is."

Gernon said many spent less on Christmas trees because of the storms.

"People came through this year and said 'Mr. Clarke, wish we could've gotten a bigger tree, but I don't have a job and I'm going to lose my house,'" Gernon said. "This wasn't one or two people. It was bunches."

Gernon plans on straightening the rest of his leaning trees as soon as a good hard rain softens the soil.

"I'm lucky," he said. "I'm one of the lucky ones."

## Louisiana Angus Association annual female sale

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## COOKERY

### Something Wild for Dinner

Recipes from [www.recipegoldmine.com](http://www.recipegoldmine.com)

#### Venison Meat Pie

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| 1 lb. ground venison           | 1/2 cup grated or shredded     |
| 1 1/2 tsp. salt or less        | American cheese                |
| 1 1/2 tsp. pepper or less      | 1 tsp. chopped onion or more   |
| 1 cup canned tomatoes, drained | 1/2 tsp. dried basil, optional |
| 1 tsp. chopped parsley         |                                |

Combine ground venison, salt and pepper; spread in 9-inch pie pan, bringing meat up the sides. Cover with drained tomatoes. Sprinkle with cheese, parsley, onion and basil. Bake at 375 degrees for 20-25 minutes. Pour off fat; cut into wedges and serve hot. Ground beef can be substituted for the venison.

#### Lazy Venison Pot Roast

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| 1 venison roast              | 1 can cream of mushroom soup |
| 1 package dry onion soup mix | 1/2 soup can water           |

Cover roast in water and soak several hours overnight.

Place in roaster, Dutch oven or casserole. Sprinkle onion soup mix over meat. Add soup mixture. Cover and bake at 325 degrees until tender, about 45 minutes per pound. Serve with gravy that has formed.

#### Duck Kebabs

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| 2 duck breasts                    | 3 green bell peppers |
| 1 (8 oz.) bottle Italian dressing | 8 strips bacon       |
| 2 large onions                    |                      |

Skin duck breasts and remove from bone. Cut into 1-inch cubes. Marinate in Italian dressing for 48 hours in refrigerator, stirring twice daily. Light charcoal fire. While waiting for the fire to get to medium heat, quarter onions and separate into layers. Cut bell peppers into 1 1/2-inch square. Cut bacon into 1-inch pieces. On a skewer put bacon on each side of duck cube. Alternate onion and pepper with each piece of duck. Continue on skewers until all ingredients are used. Grill over medium heat 12-15 minutes, turning and basting with remaining marinade.

*\* If using wooden skewers soak in water prior to use.*

#### Venison Chili

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| 3 tbsps. bacon drippings    | 4 tbsps. hot chili powder                        |
| 2 lbs. ground venison       | 1 tsp. ground cumin                              |
| 2 large onions, chopped     | 1 tsp. paprika                                   |
| 3 cloves garlic, minced     | 2 to 3 tps. salt                                 |
| 2 bell peppers, chopped     | Black pepper, to taste                           |
| 2 (1 lb.) cans tomatoes     | 1 to 2 cups water                                |
| 2 (8 oz.) cans tomato sauce | 3 (16 oz.) cans chili hot beans or kidney beans. |

Heat dripping in heavy pot. Add meat and cook until meat is slightly browned. Add onions, garlic and bell peppers; sauté until limp. Add tomatoes, tomato sauce, chili powder, cumin, paprika, salt and pepper. Stir to blend. Add water and simmer about 30 minutes. Add beans and continue to cook about 30 to 45 minutes.

#### Sweet & Sour Elk

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| 1 envelope onion soup mix        | 1 tbsp. cider vinegar         |
| 1/4 cup water                    | 1 1/2lb. elk steaks, cut into |
| 1 (12 oz.) jar apricot preserves | 1/2-inch strips               |
| 1/2 cup Russian or Catalina      | 1 tsp. salt                   |
| salad dressing                   | 1/4 tsp. pepper               |
| 1/4 cup packed brown sugar       | hot cooked rice               |

In a bowl combine soup mix and water; let stand for 15 minutes. Add preserves, salad dressing, brown sugar and vinegar; mix well. Place elk in a greased 13x9 baking dish. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Pour apricot mixture over the elk. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Uncover and bake 30-40 minutes longer or until meat is fork-tender. Serve over rice.

#### Venison Pepper Steak

Part I

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| 2 lb. venison steak     | 1 tbsp. beef stock base              |
| 1/2 tsp. salt           | 1/2 cup chopped onion                |
| 1/4 tsp. pepper         | 1 clove garlic, minced               |
| 1/4 cup flour           | 2 large green bell peppers, cut into |
| 1/4 cup vegetable oil   | strips                               |
| 1 (16 oz.) can tomatoes | 1 1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce      |
| 1 3/4 cups water        |                                      |

#### Venison Pepper Steak

Part II

Cut steak into 1/2 inch strips and lightly salt. Mix salt and pepper with flour. Dredge meat and brown in hot oil. Set aside remaining seasoned flour. Drain tomatoes, reserving liquid. Add tomato liquid, water, beef stock base, onion and garlic to the meat in skillet. Cover and simmer 1 hour and 15 minutes. Add green pepper strips and Worcestershire and simmer 5 minutes more. Blend in tomatoes and reserve flour and simmer about 5 minutes.